

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] Reference is hereby made to U.S. Application No. 10/028,631, filed December 21, 2001, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,919,364 issued July 19, 2005 and to commonly-owned U.S. Application No. 10/029,329, filed December 21, 2001, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,908,636 issued June 21, 2005, both of which are continuations-in-part of Application No. 09/893,581, filed June 28, 2001, now abandoned. Application No. 10/028,631, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,919,364 issued July 19, 2005, is presently owned by another party. Reference is also hereby made to PCT International Application No. PCT/US02/41479, filed December 26, 2002 (presently owned by that other party) in which the United States is one of the designated countries or regions, and to U.S. Application No. 10/603,132 ~~—[Case SU-7273]—~~, filed June 24, 2003 ~~—[contemporaneously herewith]—~~ (presently jointly owned with that other party). All ~~four~~ of these applications relate, *inter alia*, to use of 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dialkylhydantoins as treating agents for water used in the field of animal processing.